SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 79

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mary Pearce on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pearce is one such esteemed person who, after thirty years of distinguished service with The Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County, will embark upon a much-deserved retirement in April 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Heritage Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving the historic resources and quality of life in Franklin and Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Pearce's leadership as executive director, The Heritage Foundation has become a nationally recognized leader in preservation and has transformed Franklin into a vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming community that attracts visitors from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, known as the "driving force" and "visionary" of historic preservation, Ms. Pearce's numerous accomplishments include saving Roper's Knob, championing Streetscape, purchasing and renovating the Franklin Theatre and the Old, Old Jail, and purchasing the Maury-Darby building on the Public Square; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pearce exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mary Pearce has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mary Pearce on her retirement and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.